(b) Statements I and II indicating allotment a^id offtake of rice and wheat under National Rural Employment Programme/Bural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and Employment Generation Scheme during the last three years are attached. [See Appendix CXXXVII, An nexure No. 31].

EmpIoyment potential in private sector

2255. SHRI CHITTA BASU-.
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that emp loyment potential in the private sec-
, tor has started showing signs of ^ deceleration;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to increase the employment potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI i P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Information on employment potential in the private sector is not available.

(c) As per Seventh Five .Year Plan document it is expected that additional employment of the order of 40.36 million standard person years woxild be generated during the Seventh Plan as a result of implementation of various sectoral investment/programmes.

Import of Silk Tarn

2256. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the extent of import of silk yarn from foreign countries during the years 1980—84 and 1985-86;

(b) whether it is a fact that this has affected the indigenous industry; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The year.wise import of silk yarn since 1980-81 is as under:

Data for the subsequent years has not yet been iinalised by DGCI&S, Calcutta.

(in tonnes)

Year	Quantity imported
1980–81	130·00
1981–82	237·00
1982—83	214·00

(Based on advance date from D G C I & S, Calcutta)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (b), does not arise.

Policy regarding inpat prices for Commodities

2257. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE b» pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any policy in regard to the input prices for different commo(3i_ ties like petroleum, coal, steel and fertilizers;

<p3) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how do Government propose to cut down the production costs of various commodities' through tho above policy?